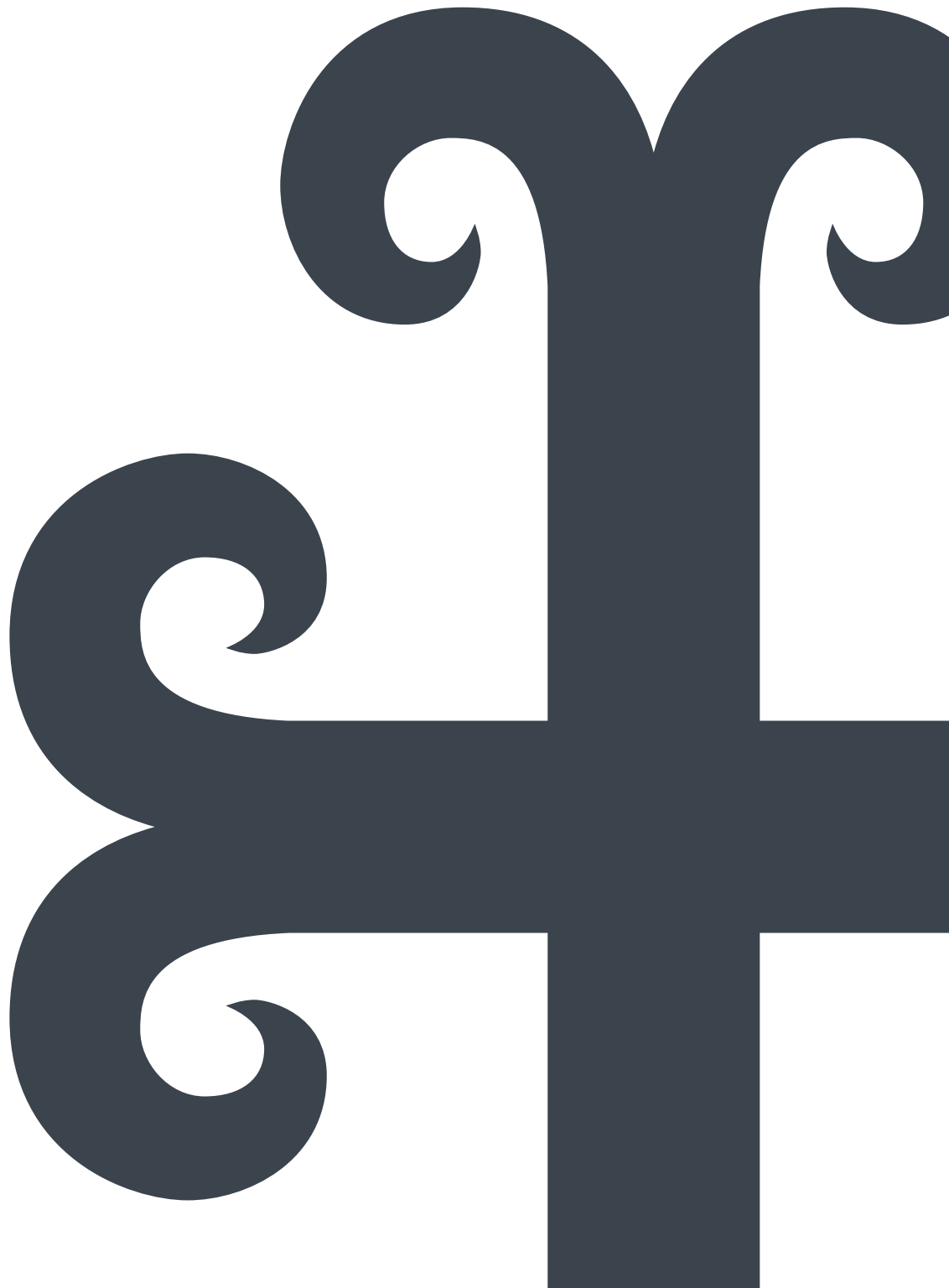
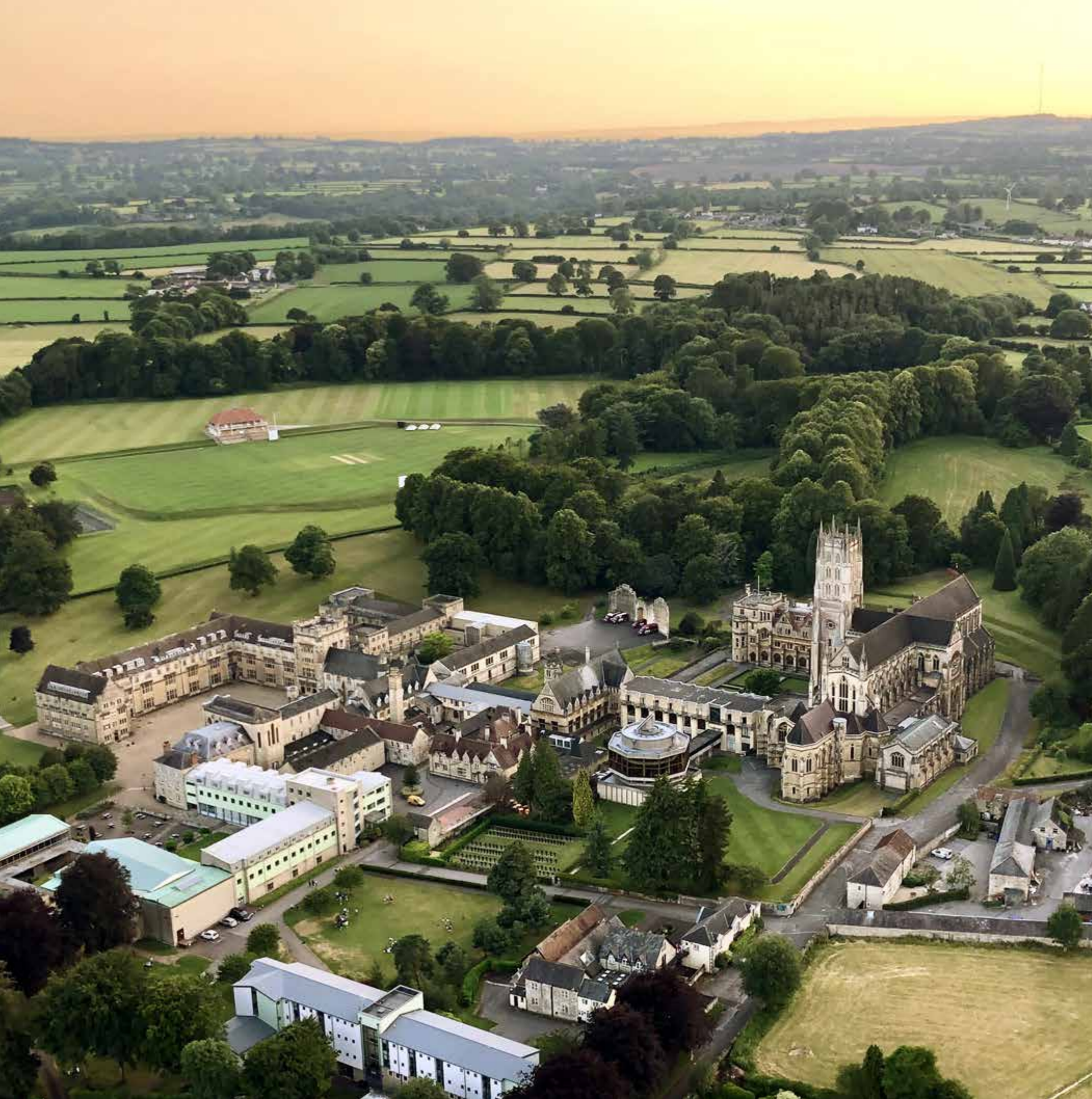


 DOWNSIDE SCHOOL

EAL BOOKLET

(ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE)





WELCOME

Bienvenue **Herzlich willkommen** **欢迎** **歡迎**

Benvenuto **ようこそ** **ласкаво просимо**

Добро пожаловать **Bienvenido** **Witamy** **ស្វាគមន៍**

Welcome to the EAL Booklet. This booklet is designed for the parents of pupils whose first language is not English and would like to improve their English skills and/or sit an English language examination. International pupils at Downside School are treated the same as every other pupil.

Pupils can request support from the EAL Department at any time during their period with us. Parents will always be contacted prior to the start of a course informing them of any extra charges that may be involved.

FEEL LIKE YOU MIGHT NEED EXTRA SUPPORT WITH YOUR SUBJECTS?

WHY ATTEND EAL CLASSES?

Whatever your reason for coming to Downside one of the most important ones is to improve your English skills. The EAL department can support academic and subject English as well as teaching how to pass some internationally recognised examinations. This support is aimed to help pupils access the curriculum and develop their study skills in English. In addition, we prepare pupils for examinations about which more information is included in this booklet.

WHAT COURSE/EXAMINATION TO FOLLOW?

We teach the Cambridge suite of examinations which include B1 Preliminary for Schools, B2 First for Schools and CAE as well as IELTS and CAIE IGCSE English as a Second Language. We are proud of our results with most pupils achieving top grades.

WHEN?

We can timetable lessons during free periods, and supervised study lessons. Some pupils will be extracted from Modern Foreign Language, Latin, Greek or Library reading lessons or prep. (What we call homework)

HOW OFTEN?

Usually two 70 minute lessons a week. We aim to teach a minimum of 20 classes over each term.

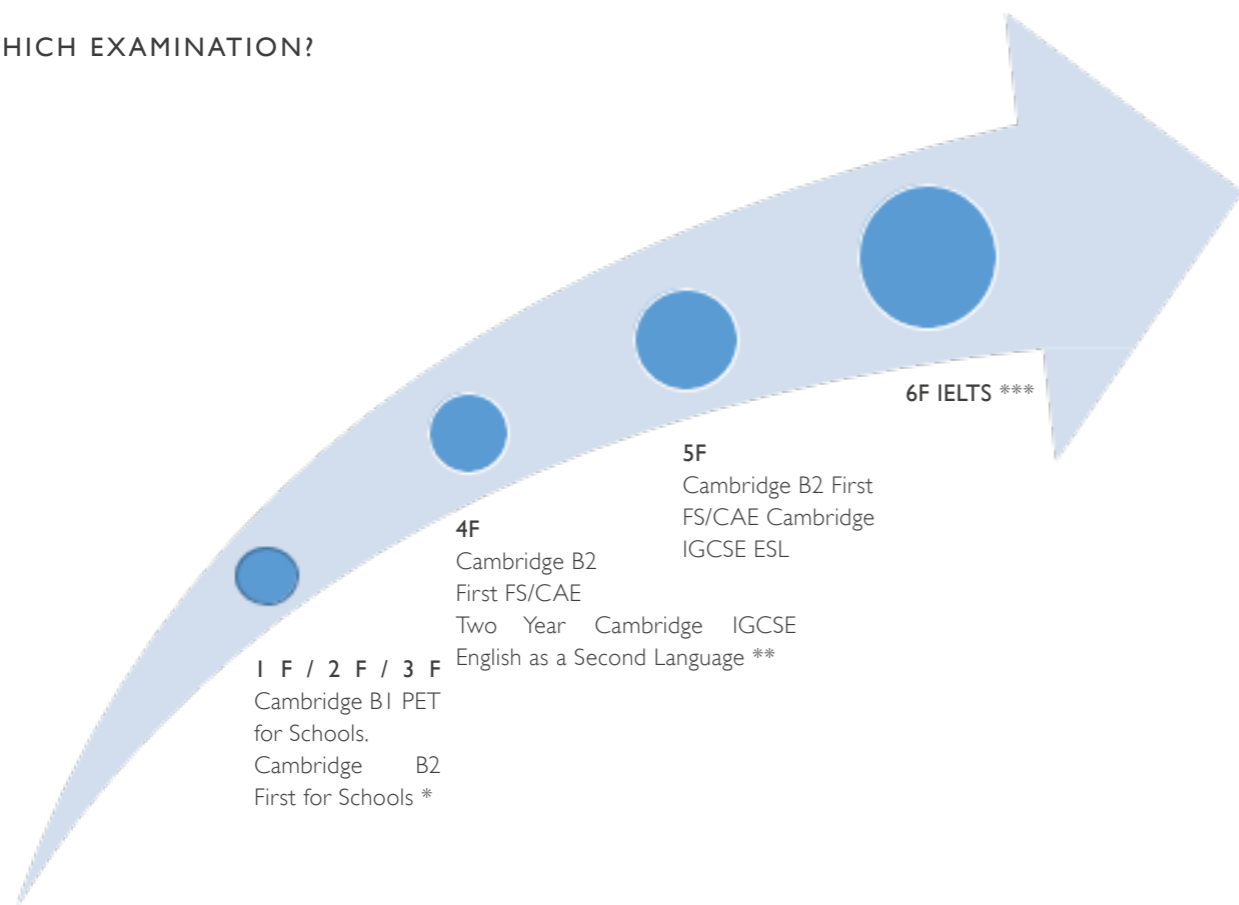
WHO WILL TEACH?

We are a dedicated team of qualified and experienced teachers who liaise closely with subject teachers and pastoral staff to support EAL pupils. We know that ALL international pupils have great potential both academically and linguistically and we aim to encourage this potential with focused lessons to develop and succeed.



THINK YOU'RE GOOD AT ENGLISH? THEN WHY NOT SIT AN EXAMINATION AND PROVE IT!

WHICH EXAMINATION?



* **B2 First for Schools** is sufficient for a university exchange programme but not entry for full time courses. An 'A' at B2 First for Schools is equivalent to a 'C' at **CAE (C1)**.

** Grade 'B' at **CAIE IGCSE ESL Extended** with a count-in-oral is sufficient for many British universities sometimes with a self-certifying Supplementary Certificate.

*** Most British universities require a 6.5 overall band in **IELTS** with nothing lower than a 6.0 in all four skills.



EXAMINATION OUTLINES

All the examinations taught are internationally recognised proof of linguistic ability from pre-intermediate to proficiency level.

The Cambridge B1 Preliminary for Schools, B2 First for Schools and Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) courses include preparation for the Reading, Use of English, Listening, Speaking and Writing examinations.

The Preliminary for Schools is aimed at B1-level learners and shows that they have mastered the basics of English.

The B2 First for Schools is a qualification which shows that you have the language skills to live and work independently in an English-speaking country.

The C1 CAE is an in-depth, high-level qualification that shows you have the language skills that employers and universities want to see.

IELTS is the world's most popular English test for higher education and global migration. Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second





Language is designed for learners who already have a working knowledge of the language and who want to consolidate their understanding in order to progress in their education or career. Through their studies, learners will improve their ability to understand and use English in a range of situations. The aim is to achieve a level of practical communication ideal for everyday use, which can also form the basis for further, more in-depth language study.

The examination chosen for your child will match their potential ability. However, the IELTS is not sat until the Sixth Form (Years 12&13) due to the maturity necessary for the subject matter and the two-year validity of the examination. Those not studying IELTS at school will be responsible for their own IELTS administration. Those requiring an IELTS for visas need to sit the UKVI IELTS at an approved centre. Advice available.

HOW WILL THE LESSONS BE TAUGHT?

Classes are taught in small groups or can be taught individually on request. Different charges apply. Courses are designed around the needs of the pupil to develop their strengths and eliminate weaknesses. Emphasis will be on the receptive skills of reading and listening and the productive skills of speaking and in particular, academic writing. In addition, every lesson will include some focus on grammar, pronunciation and vocabulary expansion. Prep (homework) will be set and marked according to the marking criteria of their chosen examination.

HOW LONG WILL THE COURSE LAST?

Pupils will need to attend classes until the end of their examinations. The department requires the written approval of parents to stop classes. Half a term's written notice is required to stop attending EAL classes.

CHARGES PER TERM

Preparation for an EAL qualification with specialist teachers:	
IELTS (two 70-minute group lessons per week)	£910
B1 Preliminary for Schools, B2 First for Schools, CAE and CPE (two 70-minute group lessons per week)	£910
Edexcel IGCSE English Language support (two 70-minute group lessons per week)	£910
Additional language support (70 minutes per week) 1:1 lessons	£771
Additional language support (70 minutes per week) Small group lessons	£580

EXAMINATION FEES

PET for Schools	£105 + postage + transport to examination centre
B2 First for Schools	£165 + postage + transport to examination centre
CAE	£165 + postage + transport to examination centre
IELTS	£180 + transport

We hope that every international pupil who comes to Downside experiences a rewarding educational experience enhanced by extra support from the EAL Department.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- [Cambridge PET](#) [Cambridge FCE](#)
- [Cambridge CAIE](#) [Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language](#)
- [IELTS \(1\) and IELTS \(2\)](#)



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